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OPPOSITION TO PLANNED GERMAN FUEL CYCLE
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1. SUMMARY. THIS WEEK'S EDITION OF THE WEEKLY MAGAZINE "DER SPIEGEL" CARRIES A REPORT ON PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO THE EFFORTS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO CONSTRUCT AN INTEGRATED NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE CENTER IN THE STATE OF LOWER SAXONY (NIEDERSACHSEN). END SUMMARY.

2. THE REPORT DESCRIBES IN DETAIL THE ATTEMPTS OF VARIOUS CITIZENS' INITIATIVES TO HALT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN. ALTHOUGH ONLY IN THE FIRST STAGE OF THE CONSTRUCTION, I.E. EXAMINATION
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OF THREE POSSIBLE SITES, PUBLIC OPPOSITION IS

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REPORTEDLY ALREADY VERY STRONG. THE ARTICLE
EMPHASIZES THE FACT THAT THE OPPOSITION DOES NOT
STEM FROM RADICAL POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, AS
IS OFTEN CLAIMED BY NUCLEAR PROPONENTS, BUT RATHER
IS CAUSED BY THE FEAR THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE
CENTER WOULD RESULT IN SERIOUS CHANGES TO THE NATURAL
ENVIRONMENT OF THAT AREA. THE TRADITIONALLY
CONSERVATIVE, RURAL INHABITANTS SUSPECT THAT THE
INDUSTRIALIZATION OF THE AREA WOULD MEAN A SERIOUS
THREAT TO THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STRUCTURE.
OPPONENTS FURTHERMORE REJECT THE BAIT THAT THE
AREA WOULD BE REVITALIZED BY THE ADDITION OF A
CLEAN, HIGHLY-TECHNOLOGICAL INDUSTRY WHICH WOULD
CREATE SOME 4000 JOBS. THEY ARGUE THAT THIS
INDUSTRY WOULD ONLY EXIST FOR ABOUT 30 YEARS
AFTER WHICH IT WOULD REQUIRE ONLY A GUARD FORCE.

3. THE REPORT ALSO COMMENTS ON THE URGENT NEED
FOR A SOLUTION TO THE NUCLEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT
PROBLEM. IT QUOTES UNIDENTIFIED SOURCES IN THE
MINISTRY FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY (BMFT)
WHO FORESEE A MORATORIUM ON THE FURTHER EXPANSION
OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IF THE GOVERNMENT PLANS CANNOT
BE FULFILLED. THE IMPACT OF SUCH A MORATORIUM,
ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, WOULD NOT ONLY RESULT
IN A DRASTIC REDUCTION OF THE FEDERAL NUCLEAR
PROGRAM BUT ALSO JEOPARDIZE THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY
FROM EXISTING NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS WHICH PRODUCE
ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF THE ELECTRICAL ENERGY USED
IN LOWER SAXONY.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT:

A. A BMFT OFFICIAL CALLED THIS REPORT "TENDENTIOUS

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AND LOP-SIDED, THOUGH THIS ONE SIDE HAS BEEN
DESCRIBED CORRECTLY". AFTER A MEETING BETWEEN
THE FEDERAL BMFT MINISTER AND THE STATE
MINISTER-PRESIDENT, THE LATTER ANNOUNCED THAT
THE DECISION WOULD BE MADE ONLY AFTER A THOROUGH
SCIENTIFIC EXAMINATION.
B. THIS ARTICLE IN DER SPIEGEL IS APPEARING
IN A PERIOD CHARACTERIZED BY A RAPID INCREASE
IN THE PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF NUCLEAR POWER
PRO AND CON. THERE HAVE BEEN CONTINUING CLASHES
BETWEEN OPPONENTS OF NUCLEAR POWER AND STATE
POLICE AT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE FOR THE REACTOR
BROKDORF (NEAR HAMBURG),WHICH WAS
RECENTLY LICENSED (SEE SEPTEL). FURTHERMORE, ONE
STATE MINISTER (FAHRTMANN OF NORTH RHINE-WESTFALIA)
PROPOSED COMPULSORY REFERENDA BEFORE A NUCLEAR
POWER PLANT LICENSE COULD BE ISSUED. THE FEDERAL
STATE SECRETARY (DEPUTY MINISTER) FOR ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS RECENTLY COMMENTED IN A RADIO INTERVIEW
THAT, DUE TO PUBLIC OPPOSITION AGAINST NUCLEAR
ENERGY, IT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE TO CURTAIL THE
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